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FROM

Richard J. Kerr

Chairman, Priority Collection Projects Panel

SUBJECT

Proposed Interagency Priority Collection Project

The referenced DIA Memorandum (attachment 1) proposes an interagency Priority Collection Project (PCP) for Soviet Co. DIA believes that collection of Soviet C3 information has been sparse and incomplete.

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We have reviewed the proposed PCP and we have polled the PCP Panel members on the question of assigning RCP status to Soviet C3 The consensus of the Panel is that Soviet C³ falls below the threshold for a PCP primarily because a great deal of effort is already being devoted by the Intelligence Community to this topic. Also, Soviet ${\rm C}^3$ may be too broad a subject to be addressed effectively as a PCP. Soviet C', in our view, is not comparable to the four existing PCPs -ASW, armor and armor penetrants, directed energy, and BW/CW -- in terms of information gaps and awareness in the community.

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Rather than assign PCP status to this problem, it is proposed that the Intelligence Community be further sensitized to Soviet C3 by encouraging DIA to take the lead in preparing an interagency Collection Support Brief on Soviet/Warsaw Pact C3. The DIA draft proposal represents an excellent starting point for such an effort. This suggestion is conveyed in the proposed DCI response to the referenced DIA memorandum (attachment 2).

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2 Attachments:

1. DIA Memo, S-17, 027/DB-1, 2 Feb 83

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